



Article 9 - Non-binding Resolution on Solar Policy

Dear Belmont Town Meeting Member,

This non-binding resolution directs Belmont's state representatives to vote for legislation (were it to be introduced), that Belmont Light (along with all other Municipal Light Plants) be governed by the same renewable energy regulations as those towns in Massachusetts served by investor owned utilities (e.g. National Grid and Eversource, formerly NStar). Currently, each Municipal Light Plant has its own rules for residents wanting to generate their own electricity with rooftop solar panels, while still remaining tied to the electric grid. Specifically, the Belmont Light no longer offers residents who have solar panels the benefit of "net-metering", which is available to all of the municipalities in Massachusetts served by investor owned utilities, 35 of 40 municipal light plants, and in 43 other states . Net metering , or running the meter backwards, allows a resident with a solar array to get credit for extra electricity generated and put back onto the grid for use by another customer. Net metering provides an essential incentive for residents to invest in a solar array and contributes to Belmont's efforts to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels.

To see TM presentation and learn more visit: www.tinyurl.com/NBRTMArt9

Sincerely,

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